

Treaty. This measure insures the rights and protections of private and public sector interests against a government taking arbitrary action that would disrupt or threaten global energy security. The thousands of United States investors who became shareholders in the Russian oil company, YUKOS, lost everything when the Russian government seized the company's assets.

Finally, Russia has not honored its pledge to amend its federal laws to guarantee protections of intellectual property rights and enforcing such laws consistent with international standards. I would note the frequent Western media reports on cases where Russian authorities have seized the assets of certain companies, many with foreign investors, utilizing executive decrees, court orders, and extradition requests to assume ownership or control over Russian enterprises. Some foreign investors have been compelled to surrender their equity shares in Russian companies without proper due process and compensation only to have Western courts, in a series of cases, issue rulings in favor of such companies.

Madam Speaker, we appreciate that our economy is truly global and American and Western investments are essential in Russia and throughout Eurasia, given their abundant natural resources, and urge that all countries can mutually commit to an economic relationship that is based on mutual trust, the rule of law and market forces that are free of arbitrary or capricious government activity.

RAISING CAIN

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, this poem was written by Albert Carey Caswell, a member of the Capitol Guide Service in honor of SSG Michael Cain of Berlin, WI.

Staff Sergeant Cain is a disabled veteran currently undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I met Staff Sergeant Cain at Walter Reed on November 18, 2008, while visiting another wounded soldier. I am proud and happy to submit this poem, written in his honor.

RAISING CAIN

A young man lies face down . . .
Right between life and death, as found . . .
Clinging to life, as now . . . with one leg
lost . . .
When, we hear a sound . . .
For it's his heart, as we watch what is lost,
as now is found . . .
Which will not let him go, which will not let
him down . . .
As all inside of his fine soul, is so is now . . .
As he raises his head up high, Raising
Cain . . .
As he brings such tears to eyes . . . as he
astounds!
What will we raise in these our days?
To what heights and mountains, will we so
climb?
All in our lives and times . . .
All in what we've so lost, and gained . . .
All in that great heartache and pain, has
made . . .
To lie face down . . . upon battlefields of
honor . . .
As Michael you were bound . . .

While, all in the midst of hell . . . as the
dark evil lie all around . . .
As your fine heart so chose, so chose to
swell . . . swell somehow . . .
To cheat death, with what you have so
left . . .
All in uniform, so brilliant now . . .
When right there, on that edge of death . . .
As you so looked down . . .
To see what you had so left . . .
As your once strong leg was gone . . .
As your life so hung in the balance now . . .
As you were the one who so raised his
head . . .
Whose fine heart so began to pound!
Raising Cain . . .
His Daddy raised a Hero, his Momma did the
same . . .
All in their hearts of love, which now so re-
mains!
A Wisconsin Man . . .
Who love's his Packers . . .
County music, and his Momma understand!
There's a lot of Brett in this man . . .
And there's a lot more of Michael, in Brett
which stands . . .
As a winner . . .
And a simple man . . .
Who wears his heart on his sleeve, time and
again . . .
With a heart of courage full . . .
This American Jewel . . .
Beating proud, for that old red white and
blue . . .
And most of all, he's a family man . . .
As we watch, and see . . .
All that a heart can be . . .
As he fight's the good fight . . .
As Michael's Raising Cain . . .
Building where not lies left . . .
As our world he'll bless . . .
To come back from the dead . . .
Back from that dark abyss, abyss of
death . . .
To go off to war . . .
As one fine fighting machine sure . . .
As an Army man . . .
Who to courage ran . . .
All in what he gave up . . .
All in what he must endure . . .
And if I ever raise a son . . .
I but hope and pray . . .
That he could but be, like this fine one . . .
The kind who will teach us, who will reach
us . . .
Who to hearts will all so beseech us . . .
All in how life is won . . .
As Michael Cain, was raised this one . . .
In honor of Michael Cain on your 27th
birthday . . . your friend Bert—Albert Carey
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RECOGNIZING FIRE SERVICE SPECIALIST RODERICK R. MENO, GUAM'S 2008 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, congratulate and commend Fire Service Specialist Roderick R. Meno on being named Guam's Firefighter of the Year for 2008.

Roderick, a native son of southern Guam, grew up in a family of outstanding firefighters: his father, retired Deputy Fire Chief Frank C. Meno; his brothers, Fire Specialist Frank R. Meno, Fire Captain Kurt R. Meno, Fire Fighter II Brian R. Meno; and nephew Fire Fighter I Joshua R. Meno. This exposure, from his

early youth, to a family of dedicated public servants imbued in Roderick an instinctive desire to serve the public, and protect life and property as his father and siblings did before him.

Roderick's upbringing in the closely knit village of Inarajan also inculcated in him the spirit of community and volunteerism. From his father, a recognized Chamorro master builder, he learned skills as a general overall handyman, a skill he unhesitatingly used to assist his fire precinct in the operations and maintenance of its fire station. He used these skills to perform renovations of the station control room, improving working conditions for his fellow firefighters. His skills as a carpenter and do-it-yourselfer enabled him to perform modifications to the sleeping quarters of his fellow firefighters, rendering those quarters more comfortable and organized. When he saw a need and he knew he had the skills to accomplish the work, he did not hesitate.

And just as his spirit of volunteerism motivated him to apply his skills to work he could perform, Roderick did not hesitate to use his own resources to accomplish these tasks. Roderick would begin projects knowing that financial support from the government may not be available. He used his own tools and when he needed materials and parts, rather than waiting for the cumbersome government procurement process, he used his own finances to purchase parts and materials.

And Roderick did all of this, ever mindful of, and never neglecting, his duties and responsibilities as a firefighter. As his father and brothers before him, Roderick Meno was always ready to serve and protect. For these attributes that have characterized our Nation's outstanding firefighters, Roderick Meno joins his father and brothers, and America's firefighters whose dedication to purpose and spirit of community make them outstanding role models for all citizens in all roles of life. Fire Service Specialist Meno, thank you very much.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA FRANCO

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, in my years of public service, I have benefitted from the efforts of many capable employees on my staff who have come and gone. Yet there has always remained one constant in my office, Martha Franco, and for that I am truly grateful.

Martha was born in Mexico and grew up in Colusa, California. As a naturalized citizen, she is a model example of someone who made the efforts required to become a U.S. citizen and has gone on to contribute to our country through public service.

Martha first came to work for me in 1984 when I served in the California State Senate. When I was elected to Congress in 1990, Martha became my Executive Assistant and Office Manager. She has worked for me in Washington and in California, and this year I named her as my Deputy Chief of Staff.

Martha's loyal presence has meant so much to my wife, Julie, to me, and to our entire organization. The people who call upon our office have appreciated seeing a familiar face